



**MEETING OF THE EMERGING MANAGER INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' AND OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND  
BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE  
DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**

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**Minutes for the November 14, 2013 EMIC Meeting**

The County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County Fund are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund."

Call to Order and Roll Call at 9:30 a.m.

**EMIC Members Present:** Ms. Diahann Goode, Ms. Alexis Herrera, Mr. Patrick Nester, Mr. Samuel Richardson Jr. and Mr. Robert Janura

**Staff Present:** N. Hackett, F. Vinzons, K. Quaye, R. Farris

**Others Present:** T. White – Progress Investment Management; J. Parks – Loop Capital.

1. Approval of September 19, 2013 Emerging Manager Investment Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes;

***Motion for Approval and Adoption of Minutes.*** It was moved by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Nester that the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Emerging Manager Investment Sub-Committee meeting be approved and adopted.

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

2. Rising Opportunities Portfolio Review;

Mr. White reviewed the history of Progress as a firm and its relationship with the Fund. In addition, he provided an update of their firm as well as trends in the emerging manager industry. Finally, Mr. White closed the review with a brief update on the overall performance of Progress's Rising Opportunities Fund.

3. Emerging Manager – Portfolio Review;

Ms. Hackett and Mr. Vinzons provided an update on the Fund's 2013 year-to-date emerging manager utilization, performance and MWBE broker-dealer usage. Through September 2013, the total Fund's emerging manager exposure represented approximately 17% of the

total assets, or \$1.4 billion. From a performance standpoint, all of the Fund's emerging manager domestic equity direct mandates are generating positive returns, with a range of high-teens to high 20s percentage returns. Channing's SMID and Small Cap Value products continue to lead the group. Fixed income managers continue to beat their benchmarks, if only by a small margin, as the impact of Fed tapering talks earlier in the year begin to dissipate. Finally, the Fund's MWBE broker-dealer utilization is at or above targets in all asset classes.

Ms. Hackett also briefly discussed rebalancing initiatives that have yet to be implemented and the potential impact that could have on the Fund's emerging manager utilization goals. Based on this discussion, the EMIC recommended affirming the Funds' current emerging manager and broker dealer target range goals.

***Motion to Affirm the Funds' Emerging Manager and Broker-Dealer Target Utilization Goals.*** It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Goode to recommend to the Investment Committee to affirm the Fund's target range goals for utilization of emerging investment managers and minority broker dealers as proposed by Fund Investment Staff. – ***VOICE VOTE***

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

Ms. Hackett also discussed recent due diligence findings on the Channing Small/Mid (SMID) Cap Value product. Based on this discussion, the EMIC chose to recommend bringing the Channing SMID Cap Value portfolio to the Investment Committee for a potential follow-on allocation.

***Motion to Bring Channing SMID Value Portfolio to the Investment Committee.*** It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Richardson to recommend bringing Channing's SMID Cap Value portfolio to the Investment Committee for review and further consideration of the SMID allocation consistent with the objectives of the Fund's Emerging Manager of Manager Program objectives and guidelines. – ***VOICE VOTE***

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**

4. Adjournment.

It was moved by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the meeting be adjourned.

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**